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SUBJECT: CANADIAN OIL POLICY AND PUGET SOUND REFINERIES.

1. IN HOUSE OF COMMONS SEPTEMBER 11, MR. FRASER (VANCOUVER) ASKED, "IN LIGHT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES OVER THE WEEKEND THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUPPLYING CANADIAN OIL TO U.S. REFINERIES AT PUGET SOUND IN ORDER TO KEEP U.S. TANKERS FROM UNLOADING OIL IN THOSE WATERS, CAN THE PRIME MINISTER ADVISE WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE THIS PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES AND WHETHER SUCH A PROPOSAL IS NOW GOVERNMENT POLICY?"

2. PM TRUDEAU, REPLYING TO LATTER PART OF QUESTION, SAID, "THIS MATTER HAS BEEN STATED BY THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES AND BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS."

3. FRASER THEN ASKED FOR ASSURANCE THAT PROPOSAL WILL BE MADE FORTHWITH TO U.S. OFFICIALS. ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD REPLIED, "I AM EXPECTING TO SEE GOVERNOR LOVE, THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY ADVISER, WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS AND THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA."
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